

Laziness is one of the seven deadly sins

There aren't many of us that would say laziness is a good thing. In fact there are areas that none of us would tolerate laziness.

A couple of examples would be in the air traffic control tower, and in the operating room. Here are a few rumored notes from some hospital charts that would make a person nervous: Patient refused autopsy. The patient has been depressed sense she started seeing me in 1993.

What about this one: Note: Patient is recovering from forehead cut - Became very angry when given an enema by mistake. Patient was alert and unresponsive. Patient has two other teenage children, but no other abnormalities. Those are pretty funny.

Another word for laziness is sloth. It is one of seven deadly sins and I want us to take a look at it today.



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Dorothy Sayers said this concerning sloth: "That which believes in nothing, cares for nothing, seeks to know nothing, interferes with nothing, enjoys nothing, loves nothing, hates nothing, finds purpose in nothing, lives for nothing, and remains alive only because there is nothing to die for!"

Author James Emery White writes about the six faces of sloth in his book, "A Long Nights Journey into Day."

The first face he writes about is that of lazy. Proverbs 26:15 says,

finger to feed themselves.

By nature I think each of us looks for the greatest reward through the path of least resistance. It is a something for nothing mentality. It is found in every aspect of our lives, even our spiritual intimacy. We would rather not have to pray the price. We like least resistance!

When the sin of sloth slips in we begin to forfeit some of the best things of life can bring. There is no substitute in our lives for the daily devotion with the Lord. I am all for experiences, but the oak tree just

doesn't spring up over night, it is years of growth!

Here is the second face of sloth - tolerance. We hear that term a lot these days. That we are to be tolerant towards beliefs and behaviors of others, that everything is of equal value.

But in connecting it to sloth, the sin of sloth will lead us to tolerate things in our life that we should really deal with. You know what I am talking about! You see an area of sin and you know you should cut it off, but you forgo the surgery for the deformity.

Here is another face - apathy. It causes us to not care about things that we should really care about. It replaces passion and compassion with a calloused attitude.

It doesn't want to hear about it, because then it will become re-

sponsible to it. The hallmark of any Christian should be the more we grow in our relationship with the Lord, the more we start carrying for the stuff He cares for. We hurt over the issues that He hurts over.

For the sake of space let's just look at one more face. It is the face of procrastination. Proverbs 20:4 says, "If you are too lazy to plow in the right season, you will have no food at the harvest." They don't plow in the right season, because the person is putting it off. The mantra of the procrastinator is, "Why do today, what you can put off till tomorrow!"

Another way to say that is, "You can pay now, or you can pay later." Procrastination comes with a price, and usually it costs us in areas of our spiritual walk or family relationships. The sin of sloth robs us of a proper sense of urgency.

So how do remove sloth and replace is with diligence? First, realize you have purpose. Hebrews 12:1-2 tells us that there is a race marked out for the Believer. Run to win friend. What does that purpose entail? First, that you would know and love God, and that you would be known and be loved by God. Second step, resolve to act. You have to act on the understanding and the belief that God created us for a purpose. Next you have to persevere. Decide today that you are going to finish the race. I look forward to seeing you at the finish line. We will celebrate together.

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New book titles arrive at library

The Goodland Public Library has received these new books and titles in January.

New nonfiction titles are "Never Say Diet: Make Five Decisions and Break the Fat Habit for Good" by Chantal Hobbs, "The Spectrum: A Scientifically Proven Program to Feel Better, Live Longer, Lose Weight" by Dean Omish, "Marvels of Engineering" by National Geographic Society, "The Brooklyn Bridge: They Said It Couldn't Be Built" by Judith St. George, "50 Gourmet Burger Creations from Kids across the County," "Quick-Books 2006" by Kathy Ivens, "An Inconvenient Book" by Glenn Beck, "Boom!" by Tom Brokaw and "Day of Reckoning: How Hubris, Ideology and Greed are Tearing America Apart" by Patrick J. Buchanan.

New on compact disc are "Marco Polo" by Laurence Bergreen, "The War: An Intimate History: 1941-1945" by Geoffrey C. Ward, "Boom!" by Tom Brokaw, "Shadow Music" by Julie Garwood, "Shiver," "The Eight" by Katherine Neville, "Sophie's Choice" by William Styron, "Hand of Evil" by Judith A. Jance, "In an Instant" by Lee Woodruff, "Missing You" by Meg Cabot, "First Among Sequels" by Jasper Fforde, "North River" by Pete Hamill, "Dog Days" by Jon Katz, "The Green Glass Sea" by Ellen Klages, "Chicks with Sticks" by Elizabeth Lenhard, "The Naming of the Dead" by Ian Rankin, "Nightrise" by Anthony Horowitz and "The Night Ferry" by Michael Robotham.

New fiction titles are "Tripwire" by Lee Child, "Running Blind" by Lee Child, "Getting Rid of Bradley" by Jennifer Crusie, "The Secret

Between Us" by Barbara Delinsky, "The Shooters" by W.E.B. Griffin, "Last Call" by James Grippando, "The Perfect Life" by Robin Lee Hatcher, "Blood Dreams" by Kay Hooper, "Duma Key" by Stephen King, "Hokus Pokus" by Ferm Michaels, "Bleeding Kansas" by Sara Paretsky, "Blasphemy" by Douglas J. Preston, "Consider the Lilly" by Sandra Carey Cody, "Death in the French Quarter" by Kent Conwell, "Plum Lucky" by Janet Evanovich and "Seventh Day" by Bodie Thoene.

New large print books are "The Heir" by Barbara Taylor Bradford, "Lessons from the Heart" by Dorothy Clark, "Robert Ludlum's The Artic Event" James H. Cobb, "He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not" by Rachel Druten, "A Dark Oval Stone" by Marsena Konkle, "The McKettrick Way" by Linda Lael Miller, "Still Summer" by Jacquelyn Mitchard, "More than Friends" by Tamela Hancock Murray, "Bleeding Kansas" by Sara Paretsky, "The Race" by Richard North Patterson, "The Perfect Blend" by Allie Pleiter, "Blood Brothers" by Nora Roberts, "Northpointe Chalet" by Debra White Smith, "Sophie's Dilemma" by Lauaine Snelling, "Cassidy" by Lori Wick and "Goodbye Dolly" by Deb Baker, "A Beautiful Blue Death" by Charles Finch, "Almost Dead" by Lisa Jackson, "Death by Sudoku" by Kaye Morgan, "Bead on Trouble" by Barbara Burnett Smith, "Enduring Passions" by David Wiltshire, "The Last Law There Was" by Bill Brooks, "Hard County" by William W. Johnstone and "Joe Pepper" by Elmer Kelton.

matters of record

Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

Jan. 21 — 7:45 a.m., 1500 Harrison Ave., a 1997 Ford driven by Regina Barnes was driving south when a 1996 Lincoln-Continental driven by Jose Hernandez was backing out and hit the Ford.

Feb. 6 — 3:25 p.m., 1400 Main Ave., a 1993 Chevrolet driven by Tyler John Biernacki was driving north on Main and a 1989 Chevrolet driven by Ryan A. Scheopner was driving south on Main and attempting to turn east on 14th when Biernacki's Chevrolet hit Scheopner's

Chevrolet. Both drivers said they could not see the other due to the snow pile at the intersection.

Sherman County Bastille

The following people were booked into the Sherman County Bastille:

Feb. 2 — 6:28 p.m., Ghadeen Abdullah Makoshi, 26, Denver. Arrested by state trooper for driving while suspended, unlawful registration and speeding. Bond supplied.

Feb. 3 — 2:27 a.m., Jenice Roberts, 28, Goodland. Arrested by city police for disorderly conduct. Bond supplied.

Worship warms the heart

<p style="text-align: center;">Calvary Gospel Church Pastor: Steve Rains, Ben Coats, youth pastor Fourth & College • 890-3605 Sunday: Kid's Church: 10:30 am Morning Service: 10:30 am Evening Service: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday: Royal Rangers Missionettes 6:30 p.m. Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m. Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m. Small Group Ministries meets through out the week. www.calvarygospel.net</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Our Lady of Perpetual Help Pastor: Father Norbert Dlabal 307 W. 13th • 890-7205 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment Mass Schedule: Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am Spanish Mass: Sunday: 12:30 pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Word of Life A Foursquare Church 10th & Clark • 899-5250 Pastor: John Coumerilh Associate Pastor: Ben Coumerilh Sunday: Worship Celebration and Kids' Church: 10:30 am Life Groups - call for times and locations www.wordoflifegoodland.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pleasant Home Church Serving the rural community for over 100 years Rt. 1, Box 180 • 694-2807 • 3190 Road 70 Pastor: Perry Baird 890-3375 Sunday: Worship Service: 9 a.m. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Evening Service: 6 p.m.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Bible Baptist Church Pastor: Clifford Middlebrooks Fifth & Broadway 890-7368 Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m. Morning Service: 10 a.m. Evening Service: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO (719) 346-7984 Sacrament Meeting: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 11:15 a.m. Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 a.m.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">United Methodist Church Brewster: Pastor: Dorine Chambers Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. CST Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. CST Winona: Minister: Sheryl Johnson Worship Service: 9 a.m. CST Sunday School: 10:15 am CST</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Pastor: Rev. Ted Amos Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233 Sunday: Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. Activities: Junior High & High School Youth Groups, Adult Bible Study, Choir, Men's and Women's Groups, Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship Special Notice: Handicap Accessible, Hearing Assistance Equipment and Infant and Toddler Nurseries Available</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Church of the Nazarene Pastor: Bob Willis Third & Caldwell 899-2080 or 899-3797 Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship Service: 10:50 a.m. Evening Service: 6 p.m. Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">First United Methodist Church 1116 Sherman 899-3631 Pastor: Rev. Kasey Crosby Saturday: Worship: 5:30 p.m. Sunday: Adult Classes: 9:15 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: Wednesday Nite Live 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. Simple Supper "Free will Offering 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">First Baptist Church Pastor: Travis Blake Bateman's Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th 890-3450 Sunday: Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m. (Child care provided) Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m. Wheatridge Center</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">St. Paul's Episcopal Church 13th & Center Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969 Priest: Father Hal Lycett Holy Eucharist: 10:00 a.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer: Daily, 8 a.m. Thursday and Sunday For emergencies 890-6969</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Seventh Day Adventist Church 1160 Cattletrail Pastor: Mike Larson Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 11 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Emmanuel Lutheran Church 13th & Sherman • 890-6161 Sunday: Christian education/fellowship: 10:15 a.m. Worship Service: 9 a.m. Wednesday: Confirmation: 6 p.m.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Goodland Bible Church 109 Willow Road • 899-6400 Pastor: Chad DeJong Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday: AWANA (Winter) and prayer: 7 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Harvest Evangelical Free Church 104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918 Pastor: Brian Fugleberg Sunday: Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday: Youth group meets at 7 p.m. at Scherlings', 827 Caldwell.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Church of Christ 401 Caldwell 890-6185 Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 a.m. Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 p.m.</p>	

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